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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION NEGOTIATIONS ANDTENTATIVE EFFORTS
TOWARDS SOCIALIST UNITY.

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1. RAUL MORODO, THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN TIERNO GALVAN'S
MINI SOCIALIST PSP, TOLD EMBOFF YESTERDAY THAT THE GOS
TRADITIONAL OPPOSITION" COMMITTEE OF TEN" NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE ELECTORAL LAW WERE GOING WELL AND WOULD WIND UP
SHORTLY. HE HAD ATTENDED THE FEBRUARY 14 NEGOTIATING
SUB COMMITTEE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SUREZ ON
THE ELECTORIAL LAW (MADRID 1212). TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WORKING DIRECTLY ON THE
LAW AND OPPOSITION "EXPERTS" WERE TO TAKE PLACE
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IMMEDIAITELY BUT IN CONFIDENCE TO AVOID ANGERING FRAG'S
ALIANZA POPULAR. THE PRESS SUGGESTS THE FINAL TEXT OF
THE LAW WILL BE READY NEXT WEEK (FOR ISSUES INVOLVED
SEE REF).

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF SANTIAGO CARRILLO'S
MEETING WITH SUAREZ AS A MEMBER OF AN OPPOSITION SUB

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COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL ISSUES. SUAREZ HAD GIVEN A FLAT "NO". HE WOULD NOT MEET WITH CARRILLO NOR WITH ANYONE ELSE FROM THE PCE. MORODO SAID HE AND THE OTHER NON COMMUNISTS UNDERSTOOD SUAREZ POSITION QUITE WELL. THE ISSUE HAD REALLY BECOME THE COMMITTEE OF TEN'S PROBLEM, BECAUSES THEY WOULD NOW HAVE TO CONVINCE CARRILLO THAT HE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT A BIG ISSUE. THIS AFTER NOON'S PRESS INDICATES CARRILLO HAS "RENOUNCED" HIS PLACE ON THE "NATIONALITIES" SUB COMMITTEE.)

3. RE TENTATIVE EFFORTS AT SOCIALIST UNITY, HE MADE CLEAR THAT FELIPE GONZALEZ PSOE AND THE PSP WERE STILL RATHER FAR APART ON THE ISSUE OF A JOINT ELECTORAL SLATE. DESPITE A CORDIAL DINNER WITH GONZALEZ ON FEBRUARY 14. GONZALEZ WAS INSISTING ON THE RETENTION OF THE PSOE LABEL. THOUGH HE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR CANDIDATES FROM THE PSP ON THE PSOE SLATE AND HAD EVEN OFFERED A COMPROMISE "PSOE SOCIALIST UNIFICATION" LABEL. THE PSP STILL WISHED TO PRESERVE ITS IDENTIY THROUGH AN "ALLIANCE OF EQUALS". WE ADD THAT THE PSOE SUPPORTED IN THEREDECISION BY THE GERMAN SPD ACCORDING TO GERMAN SOURCES, HAS NO INTENTION OF GRANTING TIERNO GALVAN'S STRUGGLING GROUP THE CACHET OF EQUALITY, INASMUCH AS THE PSOE IS CLEARLY THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL GROUP ON THE SOCIALIST SCENE, THE THE CONVERSATION WITH MORODO, THOUGH NOTHING EXPLICIT WAS SAID. WE GATHER THAT HE PROBABLY IS MORE INCLINED TO COMPROMISE THAN HIS MENTOR, PROFESSOR TIERNO.STABLER

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